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IRS Still Fighting for Its RTRP Program

On January 23, the **IRS filed a motion** in federal court asking that the injunction issued by the court on January 18 that blocked the IRS's effort to regulate independent tax preparers through its RTRP program be suspended until a new motion can be filed. Meanwhile, the IRS is encouraging more taxpayers to e-file this year – it's hoping the improved IRS **Where's My Refund? tracking program** will serve as a catalyst. Also, it's a good time to encourage your clients to scour their records to find any **medical expenses** they might be able to deduct this year.

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The IRS hasn't given up its fight to regulate independent tax preparers. It has asked a federal court to suspend the federal court injunction issued last week that blocked the IRS effort until a new motion can be filed.

→ IRS Highlights Refund Tracker for Electronic Tax Return Filers

With the federal tax-filing season ready to begin January 30, the IRS wants electronic tax filers (e-filers) to know of its improved Where's My Refund? tracking program.

→ Mission Impossible: Are Medical Expenses Deductible?

It's difficult, if not downright impossible, for some taxpayers to claim medical expense deductions on their federal income tax returns. And no wonder: With a daunting threshold of 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income (AGI) to clear, your clients might not even be inclined to try.

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